

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 4 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A panel sawing machine comprising:
a horizontal table (5) to support at least one panel (30; 3a, 3b) to be cut;
at least one movable device (6; 6a) designed to push the panel along the table in a feed direction (F; F2) or in a direction (F1; F3) opposite to this, in such a way as to feed a sawing device (7; 7a) and/or a rotation device (R), said sawing device (7; 7a) being designed to cut the panel (30; 3a, 3b) into two or more smaller boards (31; 4a, 4b) in a direction at right angles to the feed direction (F; F2), the movable device (6; 6a) being equipped with a plurality of pickup elements (16) mounted side by side that hold the rear edge of the panel in position while it is being sawn, at least one of the pickup elements (16) being mounted on the movable device (6; 6a) in such a way that drive means (36) can move it independently of the other pickup elements (16) in a horizontal direction (H) at right angles to the feed direction (F; F2).

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2. (Amended) The machine according to claim 1, characterized in that the pickup elements (16) slide in a guide (15) that is integral with the movable device (6; 6a) and at right angles to the feed direction (F; F2).

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4. (Amended) The machine according to claim 3, characterized in that at least one of the pickup elements (161) is mounted on the movable device (6; 6a) in such a way that the drive means (38) can move it in two directions (K) corresponding respectively to the feed direction (F; F2) and the direction (F1; F3) opposite to the feed direction (F; F2).